GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department- Diversion of 2.246 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.313, Gulamaliabad South R.F. of Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District for grant of Quarry lease for road metal, in favour of M/s. Sri Venkateswara Stone Crushers, Managing Partner Smt.K. Sulochana - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 13 **Dated: 09-02-2018**
Read the following:-

1. From PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Lr.Rc.No.52771/2009-F2, Dt.29-05-2010.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.4352/For.I (1)/2010, Dated:22-06-2010.
3. From GoI, MoEF&C.C, Lr.No.4-APB715/2010-BAN/9293, Dt:05-07-2011.
4. State Govt. Lr.No.4352/Section-II/2010, Dt.30-10-2017.
5. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr.No. 4-APB715/2010-BAN/0065,Dt.11-01-2018.

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, in his letter 1st read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 2.246 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.313, Gulamaliabad South R.F. of Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District for grant of Quarry lease for road metal, in favour of M/s. Sri Venkateswara Stone Crushers, Managing Partner Smt. K.Sulochana and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, vide their letter 3rd read above, have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein. Accordingly, the State Government vide letter 4th read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, while according in-principle (Stage-I) approval.

4. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in their letter 5th read above, have accorded **(Stage-II)** approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 2.246 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.313, Gulamaliabad South R.F. of Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District for grant of Quarry lease for road metal, in favour of M/s. Sri Venkateswara Stone Crushers, Managing Partner Smt. K.Sulochana, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

5. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 2.246 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.313, Gulamaliabad South R.F. of Dhone Range, Kurnool Division & District for grant of Quarry lease for road metal, in favour of M/s. Sri Venkateswara Stone Crushers, Managing Partner Smt. K.Sulochana, subject to the following conditions:-

i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

ii. The State Government shall raise Compensatory Afforestation over the non-forest land identified to an extent of 2.266 Ha., for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) in Sy.No.579 & 580, Nereducharla Revenue Village, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh with 7 to 10 years of maintenance and shall submit the DGPS Coordinates of the CA land to this office.

iii. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency.

iv. The State Government shall maintain area upto 7.5 meters as safety zone area all along the boundary outside the cluster lease area as per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The fencing of safety zone area shall be carried out and it will be regenerated at the cost of User Agency. The fencing and regeneration of safety zone area and Affoestation in lieu of safety zone area shall be carried out as per approved plan and the DGPS Coordinates of the Safety Zone, regeneration area and degraded forest area where afforestation over one and half times the area under Safety Zone has to be carried out shall be submitted to the Regional Office.

v. Adequate care shall be taken to check any rolling over of over-burden / dumps beyond diverted area and also to check soil erosion caused due to mining activities;

vi. The forest area shall be used for the purpose of mining, storage of materials and OB dumps only. No permanent buildings or labour sheds should be constructed in the lease are.

vii. The Quarrying shall be carried out by providing benches to avoid steep slopes.

viii. Reclamation plan shall be implemented by User Agency from the very first year of mining and an annual report shall be sent to the Nodal Officer, Andhra Pradesh and the Regional Office, Chennai.

ix. The consent of Andhra Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (APPCB) shall be obtained under Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operation and it shall be renewed annually.

x. A comprehensive monitoring shall be done by the State Government at the end of five years. If it is found that the user agency has violated the lease or is not complying with the stipulated conditions, then the approval given under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be revoked by the Central Government.

xi. The mining shall be done as per the mining plan approved by IBM and in strict compliance of all relevant acts and rules.

xii. The Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period of 10 years or co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) amendment Act, 2015, or Rules framed there under whichever is earlier.

xiii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.

xiv. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

xv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than those specified in the proposal and total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 2.246 ha (including safety zone area).

xvi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency or Department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.

xvii. The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the Regional Office of the Ministry and to the State Government;

xviii. Any other conditions that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and for public purposes, shall be complied with.

xix. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER